

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) An oral medicine composition preventing an unpleasant taste, said medicine composition comprising:

~~which comprises a mixture of~~ a basic medicine having an unpleasant taste, ~~an anionic polymer, and a filler.~~ taste and

an acidic polysaccharide;

wherein said basic medicine and acidic polysaccharide are in intimate contact in order to form an electric interaction and to prevent the basic medicine from dissolving in saliva.

2. (Currently Amended) The medicine composition according to Claim 1, wherein the ~~anionic polymer~~ acidic polysaccharide is at least one selected from the group consisting of carrageenan, chondroitin sulfate, dextran sulfate, alginic acid, gerun gum, xanthan gum and salts thereof. ~~and the filler is other than wax.~~

3. (Original) The medicine composition according to Claim 1 wherein the basic medicine having the unpleasant taste is an antibiotic substance, a dementia medicine, an antiplatelet medicine, an

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antidepressive medicine, a medicine for improving metabolism of a brain circulation, or an antiallergic medicine.

4. (Original) The medicine composition according to Claim 1 wherein the basic medicine having the unpleasant taste is donepezil hydrochloride.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The medicine composition according to Claim 1, wherein the ~~anionic polymeric substance is contained~~ medicine composition comprises said acidic polysaccharide in an amount of 0.1 to 20 parts by weight with respect to 1 part by weight of the basic substance having the unpleasant taste.

7. (Original) The composition according to Claim 1 wherein the medicine is a granule medicine, a fine granule medicine, a powder medicine, a liquid medicine, a syrup medicine or a jelly medicine.

8. (Currently Amended). A method for preventing an unpleasant taste, said method comprising:

~~which comprises the step of blending an anionic polymer~~ acidic polysaccharide with a basic medicine having an unpleasant taste,

wherein said basic medicine and acidic polysaccharide are in intimate contact in order to form an electric interaction and to prevent the basic medicine from dissolving in saliva. and a filler.

9. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 8, wherein the ~~anionic polymer~~ acidic polysaccharide is at least one selected from the group consisting of carrageenan, chondroitin sulfate, dextran sulfate, alginic acid, gerun gum, xanthan gum and salts thereof.

10. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 8 wherein the basic medicine having the unpleasant taste is an antibiotic, an antidementia medicine, an antiplatelet medicine, an antidepressive medicine, a medicine for improving metabolism of a brain circulation, or an antiallergic medicine.

11. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 8 wherein the basic medicine having the unpleasant taste is donepezil hydrochloride.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 8, wherein the ~~anionic polymer~~ acidic polysaccharide is contained in an amount of

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0.1 to 20 parts by weight with respect to 1 part by weight of the basic substance having the unpleasant taste.

14. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 8 wherein the medicine is granules, fine granules, powders, liquids, syrups or jellies.

15. (Currently Amended) An oral medicine composition preventing an unpleasant taste which comprises a homogenous blend of a basic medicine having an unpleasant taste and an ~~anionic—polymer.~~ acidic polysaccharide, wherein said basic medicine and acidic polysaccharide are in intimate contact in order to form an electric interaction and to prevent the basic medicine from dissolving in saliva.

16. (Currently Amended) The medicine composition according to claim 15, wherein the ~~anionic—polymer~~ acidic polysaccharide is at least one selected from the group consisting of carrageenan, chondroitin sulfate, dextran sulfate, alginic acid, gerun gum, xanthan gum and salts thereof.

17. (Previously Presented) The medicine composition according to claim 15 wherein the basic medicine having the unpleasant taste is an antibiotic, an antidementia medicine, an antiplatelet medicine, an

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antidepressive medicine, a medicine for improving metabolism of a brain circulation, or an antiallergic medicine.

18. (Previously Presented) The medicine composition according to claim 15 wherein the basic medicine having the unpleasant taste is donepezil hydrochloride.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) The medicine composition according to claim 15, wherein the ~~anionic polymer~~ acidic polysaccharide is contained in an amount of 0.1 to 20 parts by weight with respect to 1 part by weight of the basic substance having the unpleasant taste.

21. (Previously Presented) The medicine composition according to claim 15 wherein the medicine is granules, fine granules, powders, liquids, syrups or jellies.

22. (Currently Amended) An oral medicine preventing an unpleasant taste which comprises a mixture of a basic medicine having an unpleasant taste, ~~a filler and an anionic polymer,~~ acidic polysaccharide,

wherein said basic medicine and acidic polysaccharide are in intimate contact in order to form an electric interaction and to prevent the basic medicine from dissolving in saliva;

~~wherein~~ said ~~anionic-polymer~~ acidic polysaccharide is at least one selected from the group consisting of carrageenan, chondroitin sulfate, dextran sulfate, alginic acid, gerun gum, xanthan gum and salts thereof;

said ~~anionic-polymer~~ acidic polysaccharide is in an amount of 0.1 to 20 parts by weight with respect to 1 part by weight of the basic substance having the unpleasant taste; ~~and~~

~~said filler is other than wax.~~ taste.

23. (Previously Presented) The medicine composition according to claim 22, wherein the basic medicine having the unpleasant taste is donepezil hydrochloride.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) A method for preventing an unpleasant taste which comprises the step of blending an ~~anionic-polymer~~ acidic polysaccharide with a basic medicine having an unpleasant taste, ~~and a filler,~~

wherein said basic medicine and acidic polysaccharide are in intimate contact in order to form an electric interaction and to prevent the basic medicine from dissolving in saliva;

~~wherein said anionic-polymer~~ acidic polysaccharide is at least one selected from the group consisting of carrageenan, chondroitin sulfate, dextran sulfate, alginic acid, gerun gum, xanthan gum and salts thereof;

said ~~anionic-polymer~~ acidic polysaccharide is in an amount of 0.1 to 20 parts by weight with respect to 1 part by weight of the basic substance having the unpleasant taste. ~~taste; and~~

~~said filler is other than wax.~~

26. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 25, wherein the basic medicine having the unpleasant taste is donepezil hydrochloride.

27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently Amended) An oral medicine preventing an unpleasant taste which comprises a mixture of a basic medicine having an unpleasant ~~taste, a filler other than wax, and an anionic polymer,~~ taste and an acidic polysaccharide;

wherein said basic medicine and acidic polysaccharide are in intimate contact in order to form an electric interaction and to prevent the basic medicine from dissolving in saliva,

~~wherein~~ said ~~anionic-polymer~~ acidic polysaccharide is at least one selected from the group consisting of chondroitin sulfate, dextran sulfate, alginic acid, gerun gum, xanthan gum and salts thereof, and

said ~~anionic-polymer~~ acidic polysaccharide is in an amount of 0.1 to 20 parts by weight with respect to 1 part by weight of the basic substance having an unpleasant taste.

29. (Currently Amended) An oral medicinal preparation consisting essentially of a basic medicine having an unpleasant taste, a filler and an ~~anionic-polymer,~~ acidic polysaccharide;

wherein said basic medicine and acidic polysaccharide are in intimate contact in order to form an electric interaction and to prevent the basic medicine from dissolving in saliva,

~~wherein~~ said ~~anionic-polymer~~ acidic polysaccharide is at least one selected from the group consisting of chondroitin sulfate, dextran sulfate, alginic acid, gerun gum, xanthan gum and salts thereof, and

said ~~anionic-polymer~~ acidic polysaccharide is in an amount of 0.1 to 20 parts by weight with respect to 1 part by weight of the basic substance having the unpleasant taste.



30. (Currently Amended) An oral medicinal preparation consisting of a basic medicine having an unpleasant taste, a filler and an ~~anionic polymer~~, acidic polysaccharide;

wherein said basic medicine and acidic polysaccharide are in intimate contact in order to form an electric interaction and to prevent the basic medicine from dissolving in saliva;

wherein said ~~anionic polymer~~ acidic polysaccharide is at least one selected from the group consisting of chondroitin sulfate, dextran sulfate, alginic acid, gerun gum, xanthan gum and salts thereof, and

said ~~anionic polymer~~ acidic polysaccharide is in an amount of 0.1 to 20 parts by weight with respect to 1 part by weight of the basic substance having the unpleasant taste.

31-32. (Canceled)

33. (New) The oral medicinal preparation according to Claim 29, wherein the acidic polysaccharide is at least one selected from the group consisting of ι-carrageenan, κ-carrageenan, λ-carrageenan, dextran sulfate and a salt thereof.

34. (New) The medicine composition according to Claim 1, wherein the acidic polysaccharide is at least one selected from the group

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consisting of ι-carrageenan, κ-carrageenan, λ-carrageenan, dextran sulfate and a salt thereof.

35. (New) The oral medicinal preparation according to Claim 29, wherein the basic medicine is donepezil hydrochloride and said acidic polysaccharide is carrageenan.

36. (New) The medicine composition according to Claim 1, wherein the basic medicine is donepezil hydrochloride and said acidic polysaccharide is carrageenan.

37. (New) The medicine composition according to Claim 1, wherein said basic medicine is selected from the group consisting of chiclopidine hydrochloride, maprotyrine hydrochloride, iphenbrozyl tertrate, berberine hydrochloride, digitoxin, sulpirin, azerastine hydrochloride, ethylefurine hydrochloride, zirthiazem hydrochloride, propranolol hydrochloride, chloramphenicol, aminophylline, erythromycin, phenobarbital, calcium pantothenic acid, indeloxadine hydrochloride, aminoguanidine hydrochloride, donepezyl hydrochloride and cephcapene hydrochloride; and

said acidic polysaccharide is at least one selected from the group consisting of carrageenan, chondroitin sulfate, dextran sulfate, alginic acid, gerun gum, xanthan gum and salts thereof.

38. (New) The medicine composition according to Claim 15,

wherein said basic medicine is selected from the group consisting of chiclopidine hydrochloride, maprotyrine hydrochloride, iphenbrozyl tertrate, berberine hydrochloride, digitoxin, sulpirin, azerastine hydrochloride, ethylefurine hydrochloride, zirthiazem hydrochloride, propranolol hydrochloride, chloramphenicol, aminophylline, erythromycin, phenobarbital, calcium pantothenic acid, indeloxadine hydrochloride, aminoguanidine hydrochloride, donepezyl hydrochloride and cephcapene hydrochloride; and

said acidic polysaccharide is at least one selected from the group consisting of carrageenan, chondroitin sulfate, dextran sulfate, alginic acid, gerun gum, xanthan gum and salts thereof.

39. (New) The oral medicine composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition has 0.1 to 20 parts by weight of the acidic polysaccharide with respect to 1 part by weight of the basic substance having the unpleasant taste.

40. (New) The oral medicine composition according to claim 37, wherein the composition has 0.5 to 10 parts by weight of the acidic polysaccharide with respect to 1 part by weight of the basic substance having the unpleasant taste.

41. (New) A method for manufacturing an oral medicine composition comprising a mixture of a basic medicine having an unpleasant taste and an acidic polysaccharide, said method comprising:

blending said acidic polysaccharide with said basic medicine to obtain said oral medicine composition;

wherein said basic medicine and acidic polysaccharide are in intimate contact in order to form an electric interaction and to prevent the basic medicine from dissolving in saliva.

42. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein said acidic polysaccharide is in an amount of 0.1 to 20 parts by weight with respect to 1 part by weight of the basic medicine; and

said acidic polysaccharide is at least one selected from the group consisting of carrageenan, chondroitin sulfate, dextran sulfate, alginic acid, gerun gum, xanthan gum and salts thereof.